

AN ORDINANCE      99734

**ESTABLISHING AND AMENDING VARIOUS FEES  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROVISION OF FIRE  
PROTECTION AND PREVENTION SERVICES, AND  
AMENDING THE CORRESPONDING SECTIONS  
OF THE CITY CODE TO REFLECT SUCH  
CHANGES.**

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**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive analysis, which was performed to determine the costs of providing permit and inspection services, indicates that the San Antonio Fire Department is not recovering its costs for providing specific permitting services; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the results of the comprehensive analysis, it is advisable to increase certain permit fees and inspection fees where the current fees do not cover the costs of providing said services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the San Antonio City Code to reflect these amendments; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** Paragraphs 1, 3, 6, 7, 14, 17, and 19 of Subsection (a) of Section 11-16 of the San Antonio City Code are hereby amended as follows:

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| (1)  | Blaster permit:   |          |
|      | a. initial  | \$220.00 |
|      | b. renewal  | \$150.00 |
| (3)  | Quarry Blasting permit, per year                            | \$500.00 |
| (6)  | Burning permit  | \$185.00 |
| (7)  | LPG Tanks – first tank on permit                            | \$200.00 |
|      | - each additional tank                                      | \$100.00 |
| (14) | Float and food booth permit per day                         | \$ 20.00 |
| (17) | Amusement parks:  |          |
|      | a. Annual Fireworks/Pyrotechnics Display                    | \$400.00 |
|      | b. Pyrotechnics Display                                     | \$200.00 |
| (19) | Waste oil and Class III B combustible<br>liquid tank permit | \$150.00 |

**SECTION 2.** Subsection (f) of Section 11-16 of the San Antonio City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(f) Fees for state required annual inspections:

1. a. State required annual inspections of any child daycare facility licensed to serve 12 children or less, foster homes, half-way houses, group care homes or similar short-term placement occupancies that require certification or approval by the Fire Marshal's office shall be assessed a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) which shall be remitted at the Fire Marshal's office prior to the required inspection.
- b. State required annual inspections of any child daycare facility licensed to serve more than 12 children that requires certification or approval by the Fire Marshal's office shall be assessed a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) which shall be remitted to the Fire Marshal's office prior to the required inspection.
- c. State required annual inspection of adult daycare facility or other similar occupancy that requires certification or approval by the Fire Marshal's office shall be assessed a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), which shall be remitted to the Fire Marshal's office prior to the required inspection.

**SECTION 3.** Subsection (j) of Section 11-16 of the San Antonio City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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1. If special circumstances warrant, the chief may allow an inspector to conduct an inspection or test after normal working hours when a request is made by a contractor or owner's representative. The cost for each service is sixty dollars (\$60.00) per man-hour with a minimum of two (2) hours. Payment shall be remitted at the Fire Marshal's office prior to the inspection.
  2. If special circumstances warrant, the use of a fire watch, the cost for each Fire Department employee engaged in the fire watch is sixty dollars (\$60.00) per man-hour with a minimum of two (2) hours. Included as part of the sixty dollar (\$60.00) fee is a fire watch administrative fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per man-hour to cover the cost of administering the fire watch service.

**SECTION 4.** Subsection (b) of 11-58 of the San Antonio City Code is hereby amended to read as follow:

- b. Applicability. This section shall apply only if the display facility is constructed for the purpose of multiple or repeat fireworks displays from the same location and the facility is permanent in nature; however, the use of a floating barge on a lake or other body of water wholly located within the park shall be permitted and shall be considered a permanent display

facility. Such a permanent display facility must be located on the grounds of a privately owned, commercially operated park open to the general public which contains various exhibits and devices for entertainment and/or educational purposes and which commercially operated park will operate at least five (5) days per week for at least two (2) months out of each calendar year.

**SECTION 5.** Subsection (d) of 11-58 of the San Antonio City Code is hereby amended to read as follow:

- d. Application for Annual Display Permit. The initial application shall be addressed to the City Council but shall be first submitted to the Fire Marshal who shall, within seven (7) days after receipt of the application, endorse his written recommendation for approval thereon unless there exists some ground for disapproval under this Section. The City Council shall pass upon such application within three (3) weeks of receipt and shall approve the same unless grounds for disapproval under Section 11-58(f) exist. The application shall be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check for the amount as provided for in Section 11-16(A)17 of the city code, depending on whether the applicant requests permission for pyrotechnics display only, or fireworks and pyrotechnics displays. The permit shall be issued by the City Clerk upon approval of the application by the City Council. If the application is not approved by the Fire Marshal, the applicant may petition the City Council to pass upon such application and the City Council may grant or reject the same within its discretion. A certified copy of the City Council's action shall permit the City Clerk to issue the permit, which shall indicate on its face the effective period of the permit.


Annual renewal permits may be approved by the Fire Marshal.

**SECTION 6.** All other Subsections of Sections 11-16 and 11-58 of the San Antonio City Code not specifically amended herein shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

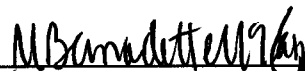
**SECTION 7.** This ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2014.

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

  
MAYOR  
EDWARD D. GARZA

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney